

**NORTHFIELD  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**

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## News from the Principal

Dear Middle School Families,

Our fall parent conferences are rapidly approaching. This is a great opportunity for us to share more about the evolution of conferences at Northfield Middle School. Even the casual observer can notice the plethora of communication tools that are now available to connect the classroom with your living room. Therefore, our conference formats need to adapt to keep pace with these tools.

Change isn't always easy for parents or teachers and change and improvement don't always travel hand in hand. Last spring 183 parents responded to our conference survey. The purpose of our spring conference season was to try out as many different formats as possible and determine which ones had the most value for our families. We will be using this data to plan and to train our staff for the upcoming spring season. Fall conferences are evolving, but remain fairly straight forward. The majority of our parents will continue to drop in to visit our teachers during the evenings of October 17 and 18. Teachers' conference schedules are included inside the newsletter (*pages 18 & 19*) and families are welcome to stop by on either or both dates.

We generally receive favorable feedback on the fall drop-in format; however it is abundantly clear that waiting in line is not good for anyone. It is essential that both teachers and parents respect a five minute maximum meeting during drop-in conferences.

Here are the top five tips to get the most out of fall conferences:

### Plan Ahead

Some quality parenting time can be spent with your child reviewing their schedule and hearing their take on the first quarter of school. Scout out teacher websites for a syllabus or other supporting information. Preview the teacher grade books on family access and leave more conference time for conversation about what is most valuable to you as a parent or guardian.

### Meet the Teachers

No technology can replace this experience. Find out as much you can about the person who is playing this critical role in your child's development.

### Bring Your Child

Whose education are we talking about? There is not enough room for students to attend parent night; however conferences are the perfect time to promote individual responsibility for learning. Focus on the positive and make a plan to improve where necessary. Your child will see their two most influential role models working together.

### Bring the student planner

Consistent planner entry and daily conversations are the keys to teaching organization. They also enhance the brain's ability to store what has been learned. The student, teacher, and parent are all responsible for a part of this formula.

### **Don't wait!**

There is no magic to conference nights. The time for in depth conversations is whenever the need arises. If you contact a teacher with questions or a request to meet, expect a response within approximately one day. Meetings can happen any day that you can match schedules with a teacher. Please contact the student support staff or administration if you need assistance in arranging meetings.

Jeff Pesta  
Principal

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### *Noticias del Director*

Las reuniones entre padres y profesores (conferences) están ya cerca. Aprovecho este boletín de noticias para compartir con ustedes un poco más sobre la evolución de las reuniones en el Middle School de Northfield. Incluso alguien que no preste mucha atención puede ver las diferentes formas de comunicación que existen para conectar las clases con sus casas. Por lo tanto, los formatos que usamos para las reuniones tienen que adaptarse y estar tan avanzados como las herramientas que usamos para comunicarnos.

El cambio no es siempre fácil para los padres y profesores y el cambio y las mejoras no siempre van unidos. La primavera pasada 183 padres contestaron a nuestra encuesta sobre las reuniones. Durante las reuniones de la pasada primavera probamos el mayor número posible de diferentes modelos y formatos para determinar cuáles eran los que mejor servían a nuestras familias. Vamos a utilizar estos datos para planificar y formar al personal del Middle School para usarlos en las reuniones de la primavera. Las reuniones de otoño van cambiando pero siguen un modelo sencillo: La mayoría de los padres van a ir a la escuela durante las tardes-noches del 17 y el 18 de octubre. Los horarios para las reuniones con los profesores se incluyen en el boletín de noticias y las familias pueden reunirse con los profesores de sus hijos cualquiera de los dos días.

En general a casi todo el mundo le gusta el modelo de llegar sin una cita previa, pero está claro que esperar en una cola no le gusta a nadie. Es muy importante que los profesores y padres respeten un máximo de cinco minutos para cada reunión.

Les ofrezco una lista de cinco consejos para que le saquen el mayor beneficio posible a las reuniones:

#### **Planee la reunión por adelantado**

Pueden parar un tiempo con sus hijos para revisar su horario y para que les cuenten cómo les ha ido durante el primer cuarto del nuevo curso. Pueden visitar las páginas de internet de los profesores para leer el programa del curso y otros tipos de información. Pueden visitar los libros sobre el curso (grado) de cada profesora o profesor en la parte de internet para "family access" y así dejan el máximo tiempo posible durante la reunión para hablar con los profesores de lo que es más importante para ustedes como padres o guardianes.

#### **Conozca a los profesores**

Siempre es mejor que cualquier tecnología conocer en persona a los profesores. Averigüe todo lo que pueda sobre la persona que juega un papel tan importante en el desarrollo de su hija o hijo.

#### **Traiga a su hija o hijo**

¿De qué quién vamos a hablar y cómo es su educación? No hay suficiente espacio para los estudiantes en la noche de los padres (parent night), por lo tanto las reuniones con los profesores son un momento perfecto para inspirar a los estudiantes su responsabilidad individual en su aprendizaje. Céntrense en lo positivo y si fuera necesario hagan un plan de cómo mejorar. Su hija o hijo va a

**Traiga el planificador-calendario**

Con el fin de que los estudiantes aprendan a organizarse es muy importante que anoten cada día la información en sus planificadores y tengan conversaciones diarias con sus padres. Ambas actividades ayudan a que el cerebro incorpore lo que se ha aprendido durante el día. Los estudiantes, los profesores y los padres son todos responsables de hacer su parte en la fórmula.

**¡No espere!**

No hay magia para las noches de las reuniones. Siempre hay tiempo en otras ocasiones para conversaciones en profundidad. Si se ponen en contacto con los profesores con alguna pregunta o algo que necesitan, recibirán una respuesta en un día más o menos. Se pueden reunir con los profesores en cualquier momento del curso en que hagan una cita con la profesora o profesor de su hija o hijo. Si necesita ayuda para organizar una cita con los profesores por favor pónganse en contacto con el personal de la oficina de apoyo a los estudiantes (student support) o de la administración.

*Traducción: Mar Valdecantos.*

## Student Support Services

### News from the School Counselors

There are two school counselors: Jenny Streefland (works with students with last names beginning with A-L), Cori Oian (works with students last names beginning M-Z). Gretchen Lilly is the Administrative Assistant.

### **Some reasons you may contact the School Counselors.**

We offer assistance with students who are struggling with academics. We support students and families who are struggling with divorce, family conflict, death of a loved one, and any sort of life changing event. Counselors can assist in exploring community resources, such as mental health and county providers. Also, students may struggle with peer relationships, bullying, and friendship turmoil and may need mediation.

### **Best ways to communicate with Northfield Middle School Counselors.**

We can be reached at 663-0664. We will do our best to return calls in a timely

manner. Email is also a great way to communicate. Our email is listed on the Student Support Services Web site, which can be found at <http://nfld.k12.mn.us/nms/>. On this web site you can also find classroom links, which consist of class information, assignments, etc. Finally, parents can sign up for Family Access, which can be found on the middle school and district website. Family access is a great way to keep up check your students grades, attendance and homework completion.

### **There are several opportunities for academic assistance at Northfield Middle School and in the community.**

#### **The Middle School Youth Center**

The Youth Center is a place for middle school youth to gather after school for fun, academic assistance, and social interaction with college students and friends. The Youth Center is open Monday through Thursday 3:00-5:30pm.

### **Carleton Tutor Hotline**

Carleton College students volunteer their time in many ways. One service that is offered to our youth is tutoring through the ACT program (Acting in the Community). The service offers students a chance to receive tutoring from fabulous Carleton students. Tutors and tutees meet one hour a week in a public location.

To set up a tutor, please call (507)222-5595. This is a voice mailbox, so leave a message and someone through the program will return your call. Email contact is [sarevam@carleton.edu](mailto:sarevam@carleton.edu).

Include in the message or email, your name and your child's name, contact information for you, subjects your child needs help in, and any preferred days and times for tutoring sessions.

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## Attendance

Please call the attendance line each day your child is absent. You may reach the 24-hour voice mail system by dialing **663-0655**. E-mailing teachers is okay, but **DOES NOT** count as official notification to the school. When calling, please leave your student's name, grade, reason for absence and your relationship to the child. If calling in an illness, please leave information regarding symptoms. Our health services staff is required to file a report with the State Health Department if there is an unusual increase in certain

illnesses. Students who are not called in will be considered unexcused until a parent/guardian notifies us. If you should forget to call in, your child may turn in a note to the attendance window outside the office when he/she returns to school. Students may not call in their own absences.

If your child is absent for **three consecutive days**, you may leave a request for homework on the attendance line when you call in your child's absence information on the third day. Requests

should be made by 9:00 a.m., so teachers can use their prep time to gather work. Homework will be requested on your behalf and any available homework will can be picked up between 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Attendance Line**  
**663-0655**

## Nurse Notes

### From the Department of Health:

The Northfield Middle School has been chosen to participate in a study on Chickenpox and Shingles. Please call the attendance line to report reason for absence, student illness, diagnosis and symptoms. Contact the nurse if you have further concerns about your students' health.

Schools are required to notify the MDH when chickenpox and shingles occur in students. Tracking this illness helps evaluate the effectiveness of immunization requirements and recommendations.

### Attention Current 6th Graders:

The requirements for entry into 7th grade in the fall of 2012 will be the following:

1. TD (Tdap) a new one needs to be given unless they had one after their 7th birthday.

2. Must provide proof of 2 MMR's (measles, mumps, rubella)
3. Hepatitis B (all 3 shots must be reported)
4. 2 Varicella vaccines OR proof of Chickenpox
5. OR, an Exemption which specifies what vaccines will not be given

Please review your students' immunizations with your health care provider to meet the above requirements for next year. According to MN State Immunization Law, students who are not compliant are not allowed to attend public school in MN.

### Sports Physicals:

Sport physicals are only required for students participating in HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS. They must be on the appropriate form and are good for 3

years. Physicals must be turned in to the High School Activities office to be able to start practicing. Provide a copy for the MS if vaccine dates are listed and to update your student's health file.

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## Grade 7 Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center Trip

The seventh grade Eagle Bluff ELC trip is rapidly approaching. The dates for the trip are November 2-4. Any students who take prescription medication (except asthma medicine) need to have a doctor's note with their medication.

Although we have had more than enough parents sign up for parent chaperone packets, we are still in need of chaperones. If you have the forms and are still interested, please turn in the forms to the main office. The cost is \$85, which can be paid at the parent chaperone meeting. If you are interested or have questions, contact Amy Allin at [amy.allin@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:amy.allin@nfld.k12.mn.us)

### Here is a rundown of important dates:

Trip payments were due on Friday, September 30. If you have not paid for your child's trip, please do so as soon as possible.

Student roommate request and Code of Conduct forms were due on Friday, September 30.

Monday, October 24, 7:00 p.m. -Parent information meeting in the Auditorium. Parent chaperone meeting will follow the parent meeting.

Tuesday, October 25, 7:40 a.m. -Meeting for registered students in the Auditorium.

Wednesday, November 2, 8:00 a.m. - Students depart for Eagle Bluff

When dropping students off for the trip, please park in the visitor area of the parking lot, not in the loop. Bring students and their luggage to the large gym. Pack students luggage so that coats and other weather gear are easily accessible. Students will not move in to their dorms until after their first outside class.

## Northfield Middle School 2011-2012

<b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday</b>	
Period	Schedule
1	7:57-8:55
2	8:59-9:50
3	9:54-10:45
4A	10:48-11:13
4B	11:15-11:40
4C	11:42-12:07
5	12:10-1:01
6	1:05-1:56
7	2:00-2:51
<b>Wednesday Late Start Schedule</b>	
Period	Schedule
1	8:57-9:45
2	9:49-10:30
3	10:34-11:15
4A	11:18-11:43
4B	11:45-12:10
4C	12:12-12:37
5	12:40-1:21
6	1:25-2:06
7	2:10-2:51

## Volunteer

### News from Margaret Colangelo:

Another year of NMS volunteering! My hours at NMS have been shortened but I believe we can still make some great connections! Get on my list of parent volunteers and receive periodic emails outlining volunteer opportunities at NMS. This year I'm asking all volunteers to pledge just one hour.

[Margaret.colangelo@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:Margaret.colangelo@nfld.k12.mn.us) or call 663-0657

### Display Case

We really need some creative people to create rotating fun in the main display case.

### Trash to Cash

Need one or two volunteers to periodically count and sort the trash for cash items. It's really easy once we get a plan, and earns NMS big bucks!. Our first Box Tops for Education shipment is due November 1st.

### Conferences

Some parents have signed up, but I need a few more. Conferences are Monday October 17th and Tuesday October 18th. I need parents both nights either 4pm-6pm or 6pm-8pm.



## Cell Phones and Electronics

Cellular phone use is prohibited during school hours at the Middle School. All cell phones should be turned off prior to entering the academic wings and not visible during or between classes. Students who do not follow this policy could have one or more of the following consequences:

- Cell phone will be confiscated until the end of the day.
- Parent will need to pick up the cell phone in the office.

Radios, CD Players, MP3, I-Pods are not allowed in the classrooms and/or in the hallway. If a student chooses to listen to them on the way to school or on the way home, they must turn them off and keep them out of sight.

Violation of the above policy could result in one or more of the following consequences:

- Detention
- Confiscation until the end of the day
- Confiscation until the end of the year
- Parent Conference

- School Service Project

We appreciate your support with these policies.



## Maroon and Gold Schedules

Middle School student schedules operate with a maroon and gold day rotation. This rotation does not change, even if school is cancelled unexpectedly. If school is closed due to inclement weather or for some other reason and the day of closure is stated to be a maroon

day, we will start back the next day on a maroon day schedule. The same is true if the day of closure is a gold day; we would resume school on a gold day.

**MAROON - GOLD**

## Announcements and News on the Web!

Middle School students start each day with televised morning announcements. These announcements are also posted on our Middle School website during the school day. Parents can access the announcements by going to [www.nfld.k12.mn.us](http://www.nfld.k12.mn.us) and clicking on Northfield Middle School and then announcements. Announcements usually remain posted by date for approximately two weeks. In the event our webmaster

is absent, there may be a delay in posting. Our Morning News show is streamed live on our website...tune in!

Our bi-monthly parent newsletter is also posted on the web. You can access this information by going to [www.nfld.k12.mn.us](http://www.nfld.k12.mn.us) then clicking on News and Publications and select Newsletters. You will find newsletters for all buildings on this webpage.

Parents are also invited to check out

the Northfield School District web page at [www.nfld.k12.mn.us](http://www.nfld.k12.mn.us). If parents have not already done so, you can sign up for access to student food service accounts, grades, attendance, etc., by going to the district web page and clicking on parent resources and then family access. You can apply for an access user name and password on line. You should receive this information back via e-mail within a couple of days.

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## Media Center

Autumn greetings from the Media Center!

The school year has gotten under way without a hitch, and we're now full steam ahead. Our hours of business this year are 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Students may access the Media Center at any time during these hours.

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be here from October 10-19. This is a great time to help support the Media Program while, at the same time, making great book purchases. We hope you will stop in the Media Center when you're visiting your child's teachers during conferences

October 17 or October 18.

The *Tattered Pages* bookstore is open to students interested in earning coupons to purchase books. The Job Jar is also up and running as another means to acquiring much coveted coupons. **One of the primary ways for students to acquire coupons is by donating books to The Tattered Pages.** We accept books for all ages- picture books, adult books, non-fiction, etc. **Please consider sending, with your child, books you no longer want.** We have a big bin set up outside the Media Center doors for collecting donations.

If you would like more information about *Tattered Pages*, The Morning News (which is video-streamed daily), the Media Program, or our Technology Committee, please go to [www.nfld.k12.mn.us](http://www.nfld.k12.mn.us), select *The Middle School*, then go to *Media Center*.

Please call me 663-0658 if you have any questions. I can also be emailed at [amy.sieve@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:amy.sieve@nfld.k12.mn.us)

We love visitors, so stop in anytime!

Amy

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## Math League

Math League is a math team that competes against other schools in the Wasjioja North Division - Cannon Falls, Goodhue, Zumbrota-Mazzeppa, Shattuck/St. Mary's, and Kenyon Wanamingo. Our NMS team meets on Mondays after school in room 130 and competes

on Mondays as well in Kenyon, MN. This year's team is up and running, but we certainly welcome new members! If you know an NMS student who loves math please contact Anne Jarvis ([Anne.Jarvis@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:Anne.Jarvis@nfld.k12.mn.us)).



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## Food Services

### Lunch choices that are available each day:

- 1) Main line hot menu (posted on our menu)
- 2) Alternate hot menu (posted on the menu board and during morning announcements)
- 3) Entree salads-variety daily including Oriental Chicken, Caesar Chicken, Chef, Vegetarian
- 4) Cold sandwiches and wraps-variety by day including turkey, ham, salami

All choices include a carton of milk, a fruit choice and a vegetable.

### Online Payment Option:

Parents need to apply for a "parent" user ID and password for Family Access in

order to get the option to make an online payment into their student's account. If you are using your child's family access user ID and password, you will not see this option due to the difference in access levels. Please go to the district website to apply for a parent user ID and password. The Child Nutrition staff can answer questions or help student's in any way, so please encourage your student's to feel free to ask for any help they may need during lunch. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the great students at NMS!



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## Concert Slideshow

**Wanted:** Parent to put together a slideshow.

**Event:** MS Choir & Orchestra Concert

**When:** October 27, 7:30pm

**Where:** MS Auditorium

**Needed:** Pictures of **current** and **past** military of family members, friends

### **Contact:**

[cathy.penning@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:cathy.penning@nfld.k12.mn.us) or

[heather.olivier@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:heather.olivier@nfld.k12.mn.us)

663-0675 or 645-3402

**Tribute:** Combined choral/orchestra piece with a slideshow-Text of the piece captures the true courage, valor, awe and stark reality of war. This piece will be an emotional salute to the men & women who have given their lives in warfare protecting the lands, the people and the dreams we all cherish most.

**Deadline for Submissions:** October 18



## TEAM UP Parent Night

A group of middle school teachers has been participating in a 2 year long grant project with the University of Minnesota. We are one of five TEAM UP (Teaching English Language Learners – Action Model to Unite Professionals) schools in the state. On October 13th from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. all inter-

ested parents are invited to come to learn in a bilingual setting (English/Spanish) how to use family access, set up free e-mail accounts and other helpful tools for parenting middle school students. Parents will also have the opportunity to visit with some of the teachers about any topic of interest, tour the

school, or hear an update on the school levy vote.



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## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Each school has some pathway for parents to informally communicate concerns or hear updates on school issues. For the middle school our PAC has evolved into the equivalent of open door listening sessions. The first session will be held in the cafeteria on October 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:45 p.m. This coincides with the combined orchestra and choir performance at 7:30 that evening. Parents often

find themselves bringing their performers in early or waiting to pick them up.

The set up of our PAC is simple. You get a giant coffee pot, some cookies, and the principal. All parents and guardians are welcome to stop by to chat whether they have children involved in the concert or not. Questions about the upcoming operating and capital projects levy are

fair game as well.

For those parents who crave a more formal opportunity for input, we have the **Site Improvement Team (SIT)**. Our first meeting will take place on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Mr. Pesta if you would like to participate or to view the agenda for any meeting.

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## A Note from the School Social Worker:

*The following is a community resource for your child(ren) if they have experienced a loss and would like to meet other kids going through a similar experience and to help support them through the grieving process.*

*Youth Grief Services: Connecting families one story at a time.*

**Invites families to participate in our 7-week free support group series for kids ages 4-18 who have had a loved-one die.**

Children and teen groups are divided by age and incorporate fun and healing age-appropriate activities to help them through the grieving process. Loss of spouse/partner support and grief education groups are offered simultaneously for parents and caregivers.

### Fall 2011 Series:

Meets every Tuesday beginning Oct 18<sup>th</sup> until Nov 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:45pm-7:45pm

PLACE: Ebenezer Ridges Care Center 13810 Community Dr., Burnsville

Please register family members by October 11th, 2011 by calling: 952-892-2111. They will return your call and take your registration over the phone. [www.youthgriefservices.org](http://www.youthgriefservices.org)

\* This is a community sponsored group not a school sponsored group.

## Middle School Athletics

Middle School fall sports registration was excellent with 455 students participating in football, soccer, tennis and volleyball. Our fall season will wrap up by October 15. Please continue to make sure your outdoor athletes dress in layers to allow for changing weather. Thank you to all athletes and parents for participating and supporting our sports programs.

Our winter sports registration will be held Monday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 18 during conference hours 4:00-8:00pm. Registration materials and schedules will be available for wrestling and boys' and girls' intramural basketball. Remember, both the parent and student need to sign the form. You could pick up materials at conferences and have your student return the paperwork to the main office the following day.

Our middle school basketball pro-

gram is run as an intramural program in which meeting times will focus on skills and scrimmages. We are offering 2 sessions: Session 1 will run from October 31 – December 21 and Session 2 will run from January 3 – February 23. Both sessions are open to all grades for girls and boys. Participants can choose to do one or both of the sessions. Practices will be Monday through Thursday with girls practicing two days per week and boys practicing two days per week. The cost is \$35 per session.

Middle School wrestling will begin November 14. Practices are held at the high school. Wrestlers will be able to take a shuttle bus to the high school at the end of the school day. The bus will leave the Middle School at 3:00 and parents are to pick up wrestlers after practice at the high school.

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### MS Activities Hotline: 645-3559

This line provides updated information regarding competitive events only. Information regarding practice schedules, or changes to practice schedules ARE NOT announced on this line unless there is a cancellation due to weather.

## Academic Activities

Each year we have many opportunities for students to participate in academic activities.

The programs and co-curricular activities take place at various times during the school year and, in some cases, the exact dates have not been determined. Students should listen to daily announcements, and parents can check announcements on our web page, for specific dates when their activity begins. Registration forms used for academic activities are the same forms as are used for athletics and are available in the main office.

We are pleased to offer the following academic activities:

**Knowledge Masters:** October-April

**Math League:** Oct.–February

**Environmental Club:** Jan.-April

**Geography Bee:** December

**Speech Club:** Dec.-February

**Spelling Bee:** December

**Student Council:** September-May

*(members were elected last fall)*

**Yearbook:** September-May

**Chess Club:** September-November  
*(also February-March for those who qualify for State Tournament)*

**Jazz Ensemble:** October-May

**Honors Choir:** September-May  
*(auditions during 1st week of school)*

If you have questions about these activities, contact Tina Weierke, Activities Secretary, at 663-0680 or [Tina.Weierke@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:Tina.Weierke@nfld.k12.mn.us)



## Yearbook—How to Place An Order

Parents of middle school students should be receiving a letter from the yearbook company in the mail sometime this month. Many don't open it because it looks like a piece of unsolicited mail, but it does have the access code needed to purchase a book on-line. On-line ordering can be done with a credit card (including an option for 3 separate payments) or with a check through the mail.

Please don't put this aside; order a copy of the yearbook now for your student to receive on the last day of school. The book cost is always the cheapest in the fall and goes up over the course of the year, with no guarantee that any will be available in the spring.

New Yearbook Advisers!!  
Ms. Van den Akker and Ms. Dolan will

be the new yearbook advisers. Students interested in participating on the yearbook staff should listen to the announcements for the first meeting.



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## Orchestra Notes

The first orchestra concert for this year is on Thursday, October 27 at 7:30 pm. This performance will feature the orchestras and choirs from Northfield Middle School. Orchestra students need to be at the Middle School by 7:00 pm to allow enough time to tune and warm-up before this performance. Concert dress is black and white (please refer to the Orchestra Syllabus or Middle School Orchestra Website for more detailed guidelines).

Orchestra lessons began on Thursday, September 22. Each student received a

lesson schedule and calendar with their lesson days highlighted. Students receive one lesson every eight days of school (students enrolled in private lessons need to fill out a Private Lesson Form instead). Lessons focus on technique and orchestra music, as well as solos/duets for 7th and 8th grade students.

Your child should be showing you their practice calendar to sign each week. Any encouragement you can give towards regular practice is greatly appreciated.

Please check that your student's

instrument case is labeled, clearly, with their name and phone number. When cases look similar, it is very easy for a student to bring home the wrong instrument without realizing it. Thank you for doing this.

I have enjoyed working with all of these students. I look forward to sharing a great performance with you soon!

Mrs. Olivier



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## Band Notes

Come to the Band Concert! The District Band Concert featuring all band members grades 5-12 is on Monday, November 7th at 7:00 PM in the High School Gymnasium. (note that this is an earlier start time than previous years.)

6th grade band members should meet at 6:45 in the High School cafeteria. 7th and 8th Grade band members should

leave their coats and instrument cases in the High School Choir room and find their seat on the gym floor at 6:45. All band members are encouraged to bring stands from home to use in the concert. Please label your stand so we can get it back to you if you forget to take it home. All the bands have already made considerable progress this year and are looking forward to showing you what they can

do!

We have now started band lessons. Your son or daughter should be bringing their practice records to you once a week to be initialed. Any and all encouragement or help you can give in terms of establishing and maintaining a regular practice schedule is very welcome. See you at the concert!



## Choir Notes

**Love to Sing?** It is a brand new year and I would like to encourage anyone that would like to start singing to join choir. It's not too late. We are always looking to add new singers! I am excited to get to know your child and make many different kinds of music together! We have a number of concerts this year along with being part of the Winter Walk on December 8, and choir tour to the cities in May for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders and solos & small ensembles at the end of the school year. If you need more specific information about all the concert dates, check out my school website.

**NMS Honors Choir:** Our own Honors Choir had its first rehearsal Tuesday morning at 7:10am, September 20. 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir students have auditioned to be part of a smaller, select performing group that will be performing more challenging music, different styles. They will also have the ability to sing outside the school day for different events. Regular rehearsals will be during the school year Tuesday mornings from 7:10a.m. to 7:50a.m. Students need to be committed to being prompt for every rehearsal as this group only meets for one rehearsal

per week. Students will rotate bringing donuts, muffins or bagels for the end of each rehearsal.

**Our first concert:**  
**Tuesday, October 27, 2011, 7:30pm**  
**Middle School Auditorium**

**Concert Dress:**

**Boys:** white collared shirt and tie,  
black or dark pants,  
dark shoes if possible

**Girls:** white top, black skirt or pants

**Singers will need to be in the choir room and band room by 7:10pm.**

**Voice lessons** will be starting right away. Have your child sign up to get a lesson in. These lessons are 15 minutes in length and can be paired up with another singer. Singers will get to have a minimum of one lesson per semester. The middle school years are great times for singers to get help with all the voice changes that are and will be happening.

We are just finishing up the auditions for the MN State Honor Choirs. Singers chosen will gather together on the college

campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in November. They have limited the number of students that can audition for each choir this year so that more schools are represented at the concert. That means that it will be more of a challenge to get in and more of an honor if your child makes it in. These honor choirs are somewhat comparable to the steps leading up to being part of All State Choir in high school. If you want to check out more information, go to the MN ACDA website. Good luck to all that are trying out!

Reminder to all 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade singers that we will be heading up to the Ordway in St. Paul on Monday, October 31. We will be going to a school performance of "Phantom of the Opera". Buses will be loading at 9am and returning at 12:45pm to eat a bag lunch in our cafeteria before returning to classes.

As always, if you have any questions, give me a call or send me an email.

663-0675 or

[Cathy.Penning@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:Cathy.Penning@nfld.k12.mn.us)

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## Mr. Bade's Art Lab

Art Lab has started the year looking at brain research and how it relates to the challenges of drawing. We are implementing a variety of strategies to help us see better which will in turn assist us to draw more accurately. Students completed an upside down drawing of a Picasso drawing and are starting a hand drawing utilizing a view finder and pic-

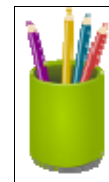
ture plane.

Exploratory Art students are well on their way to producing a creative Picasso inspired still life. Unlike most still life drawings, the students will create their own layout of selected objects drawn in class. We will employ ideas from Pablo when designing the background and fi-

nally finish with oil pastels.

*"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up."*

~ Picasso



## Community Services

### Geocaching for Beginners

Saturday, October 8

9 - 11 a.m.

Middle School Room 265

\$9/Individual or \$14/Family



### Red Cross Swim Lessons

(Levels 1 - 6)

Monday and Thursday evenings,

November 3 - 21

Middle School pool

\$34



### Snowmobile Safety Class

ages 12 - 18

Mondays, November 14 - 21

6 - 9:30 p.m.

Bridgewater Cafetorium

\$7



### Costume Closet

10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 15

Northfield Middle School

Lightly used and new costumes available for purchase. Nothing over \$20! All proceeds will go to the Community Services youth scholarship fund. Call

507.664.3649 or visit

[www.nfld.k12.mn.us](http://www.nfld.k12.mn.us)

(Community Services link) for more information.

## After Hours Parking

Our newsletter frequently runs tips for getting in and out of school safely and with minimum hassle. This time we would like to share some reminders for helping everybody share the middle school space outside of the school day.

-Please use the main parking lots whenever possible. The bus parking area may be used outside of the school day as needed.

-Always honor spaces reserved for

handicap access and all no parking signs or yellow curbs. Traffic flow will be hindered or stopped when drivers ignore these postings. This also creates unsafe conditions for both motorists and pedestrians.

-Both the east and west turn around circles are for drop off and pick up only. This includes no parking during non-school hours.

-Never drive on the cement concourse around the building. There is a loading dock in the rear of the building for all official functions.

-Parking spots are available on the exit drive from Bridgewater Elementary School. For some events these are more convenient options.

## Safety Drills

You may hear about fire drills and lock down exercises during your conversations with your kids. We will be conducting five fire drills, a severe weather exercise and five security-oriented drills

during this school year. Other activities may also be planned as needed. Occasionally these exercises are carried out with public safety organizations. Please

call an administrator if you have any questions about safety drills.

## Upcoming Events ~ 2011-2012 School Year

*(Calendar may be subject to change. Please check website for updates.)*

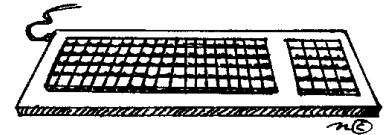
October 10	Site Improvement Team Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Room #116
October 10	School Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Media Center
October 10	Gr. 7 Social Studies: Historical Society Field trip
October 11	Gr. 7 Social Studies: Historical Society Field Trip
October 13	Gr. 7 Science: Buckthorn Field Trip, Carleton Arb
October 13	TEAM UP Parent Night, 5:30— 8:00 p.m.
October 14	Gr. 7 Science: Buckthorn Field Trip, Carleton Arb
October 17	MS Conferences, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
October 18	MS Conferences, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
October 20-21	<b>No School, Education MN</b>
October 24	Eagle Bluff Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m., MS Auditorium
October 24	School Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Media Center
October 25	Eagle Bluff Student Meeting, 7:40 a.m., MS Auditorium
October 25	NMS Picture Re-Take Day
October 27	Parent Advisory Council Mtg., 6:45 p.m., MS Cafeteria
October 27	MS Orchestra / Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., MS Auditorium
October 28	Music Department Poinsettia Sales Begin
October 28	Gr. 6, Team 1, Fort Snelling Field Trip
October 31	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir / ESL, Ordway Field Trip
November 1	Gr. 7, Vision and Hearing Screening
November 2 -4	Gr. 7, Eagle Bluff Field Trip
November 4	Gr. 6, Team 2, History Center / State Capitol Field Trip
November 7	District Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., HS Gym
November 8	Election Day
November 11	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
November 14	Beginning of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
November 14	School Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Media Center
November 23	<b>No School / Teacher Workshop</b>
November 24-25	<b>No School / Thanksgiving Break</b>
November 28	School Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Media Center
December 8	MS Choir, Winter Walk Concert, 5:00 p.m.
December 12	School Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Media Center
December 15	MS / HS Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m., MS Auditorium
December 20	Gr. 5 & 6, Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., MS Auditorium
Dec. 23-Jan. 2, 2012	<b>No School / Winter Break</b>
January 9	School Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Media Center
January 16	<b>No School / Teacher Workshop / Martin Luther King</b>
January 20	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter / End of First Semester
January 23	<b>No School / Teacher Workshop</b>
January 23	School Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m., HS Media Center
January 24	Begin 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter / Second Semester

## 6th Grade Keyboarding Information Sessions

Most 6th grade students will receive keyboarding instruction this year. They will generally rotate through their study halls. The instruction is provided by Karen Koester, a licensed business education teacher from the high school faculty. As a limited time teacher in our building, Ms. Koester will only be available Monday night, October 17th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Only a small portion of the 6th graders have begun their course of instruction. Rather than conference times, Ms. Koester will be hosting informational sessions about the keyboarding curriculum and the advantages of live instruction. Stop in to either of her sessions beginning at 6:30 and 7:15 in the west

computer lab, next door to the media center.



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## Parent Directories

Middle school parent directories will be available for pick up at the front entrance on conference nights. Extra di-

rectories will be available in the main office after that. The directories are a

great way to connect with other parents and help keep our kids safe.

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## Lost and Found

All items that have been found this school year will be placed on tables near the main entrance on conference nights. All unclaimed items will be donated to

the Community Clothes Closet after conferences have ended.



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## Conference Translators

Spanish translators are available during parent conference hours. Our volunteer greeters will assist with arranging interpreters for parents as they arrive. Translation in other languages may be available

with advanced notice. Please contact the principal if your family is in need of translation in any language other than Spanish. Conferences will be more valu-

able if your child attends to assist with the communication process.

**Fall Conferences**  
**Monday, October 17, 4:00-8:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, October 18, 4:00-8:00 p.m.**

*Conferences with 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team 1 (Ms. Jarvis, Mrs. Mikkelson, Mr. O'Neill, Ms. Mehrkens, and Mr. Langevin) and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team 2 (Mrs. Betcher, Mrs. Burkhead, Mrs. Kovach, Mr. Kluwer, and Mr. Von Ruden) are on a drop-in basis – please sign in when you arrive. Teams will meet in or near their classrooms.*

*Conferences with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are on a drop-in basis – please sign in when you arrive. Teachers will meet in or near their classrooms. Conferencing time should be limited to five minutes for each teacher. If you feel extra time is needed, we encourage you to arrange a time for a detailed conference. Students are welcome to attend with parents/guardians.*

**Conference Schedule for Part-Time/Shared Teachers**

*Several teachers are shared with other buildings or part-time, for your convenience their conferencing schedules are listed below:*

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>October 18</b>
Paul Beck	Band	6:15 - 8:00 p.m.	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Julie Biwer-Bekhechi	Spanish	-----	4:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Kiwi Bielenberg	Physical Education / D.A.P.E.	By Appointment	By Appointment
Denise Halvorson	French	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	-----
Mary Harrity - Davidson	Physical Education	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
David Kamis	Art	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Karen Koester	Keyboarding	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	-----
Stephanie Mahal	O.T.	-----	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Heather Olivier	Orchestra	-----	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Pam Palmquist	Speech Pathologist	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Heather Pudas	DHH	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	-----
Steve Taggart	Industrial Technology	-----	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Deb Thomforde	READ 180	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Deborah Winkelman	German	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	-----
Ron Zoromski	Industrial Technology	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	-----

**Alternate Conference Schedule for Full Time Teachers**

*Teachers listed below will also schedule conferences by appointment*

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>October 18</b>
Tim Biegert	Industrial Tech	4:00 - 5:15 p.m.	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Jane Dolan	English 8	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	-----
Patty Pfeiffer	Special Education	-----	-----
Dan Riesgraf	Health	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	-----

## Conferencias Otoñales 2011

**Lunes, 17 de octubre, 4:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Martes 18 de octubre, 4:00-8:00 p.m.**

*Conferencias con el equipo 1 del sexto grado (Ms. Jarvis, Mrs. Mikkelson, Mr. O'Neill, Ms. Mebrkens, y Mr. Langevin) y el equipo 2 del sexto grado (Mrs. Betcher, Mrs. Burkehead, Mrs. Kovach, Mr. Klwer, y Mr. Von Ruden) pueden hacer una cita a su llegada, favor de firmar la lista de espera y esperar su turno. Estas conferencias se llevarán a cabo cerca de o adentro de las aulas.*

*Las conferencias con maestros del 7° y 8° grado no están programadas, favor de firmar su llegada y esperar su turno. Los maestros harán las conferencias cerca de o adentro de su salón de clases. Si usted sienta la necesidad de mas tiempo para platicar con el maestro usted puede hacer una cita para una junta mas detallada. Los alumnos pueden asistir a la conferencia con sus padres-tutores.*

### Horario para maestros de medio tiempo o compartidos

Varios maestros están compartidos con otros sitios o trabajen tiempo parcial, para su conveniencia lo siguiente es una lista de sus horarios.

Maestro	Materia	Octubre 17	Octubre 18
Paul Beck	Band (Banda)	6:15 - 8:00 p.m.	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Julie Biwer-Bekhechi	Spanish (Español)	-----	4:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Kiwi Bielenberg	Phy. Ed. (Ed. Física) / D.A.P.E.	con cita previa	con cita previa
Denise Halvorson	French- (Frances)	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	-----
Mary Harrity - Davidson	Physical Education (Ed. Fisica)	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
David Kamis	Art	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Karen Koester	Keyboarding (Teclado)	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	-----
Stephanie Mahal	O.T. (Terapia ocupacional)	-----	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Heather Olivier	Orchestra (Orquesta)	-----	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Pam Palmquist	Speech Pathologist (Patóloga de habla)	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Heather Pudas	DHH ( maestro para Sordos/ problemas auditivas)	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	-----
Steve Taggart	Industrial Technology (Tecnología Industrial)	-----	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Deb Thomforde	READ 180 Lectura 180	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Deborah Winkelman	German- (Aleman)	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	-----
Ron Zoromski	Industrial Technology (Tecnología Industrial)	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	-----

### Horario alternativo para maestros de tiempo completo

Estos maestros también harán una conferencia citada.

Maestro	Materia	Octubre 17	Octubre 18
Tim Biegert	Industrial Tech (Tecnología Industrial)	4:00 - 5:15 p.m.	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Jane Dolan	English 8 (Ingles 8)	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	-----
Patty Pfeiffer	Special Education (Educación Especial)	-----	-----
Dan Riesgraf	Health (Salud)	4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	-----

## DISTRICT OFFICE

### October 2011 Newsletter

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## 2011 Levy Election Information

At their Aug. 8 meeting, the Northfield Board of Education approved holding a special election on Nov. 8 for the purpose of voting on “revoking and renewing” the district’s current operating levy and extending the length of our current capital projects levy. The district has posted information for residents about the levy election on our Web site. Visit the district’s homepage, at [www.nfld.k12.mn.us](http://www.nfld.k12.mn.us), and click on the button called “2011 Levy Election Information Site,” to find this information.

## 2010-2011 Annual Report

The Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement for 2010-11 has been published on the district Web site and made accessible from the homepage, at [www.nfld.k12.mn.us](http://www.nfld.k12.mn.us). The report was approved by the Northfield Board of Education at its regular meeting on Sept. 26.

The annual report includes information on student performance goals for meeting the Minnesota Graduation Standards, student testing data, curriculum improvement plans, progress on previous curriculum improvement plans, and the District Educational Program Advisory Council membership.

Due to the state government shutdown, the Minnesota Department of Education has not yet published the individual student growth reports. At this time, we can only estimate individual student growth in reading by comparing a student’s scale score from spring 2011 with their scale score from their previous grade in spring 2010. When the accurate test data is received, the report will be revised and posted on the district’s Web site. To receive a printed copy of the report, call 507.663.0600 or contact your child’s school office. For questions contact the Director of Community Services, Hannah Puczko, at 507.664.3649 or [Hannah.Puczko@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:Hannah.Puczko@nfld.k12.mn.us).

## Three Named National Merit Semi-Finalists

Three students have been named National Merit Semi-Finalists by the College Board. Jasmine Barksdale, Muriel Carpenter and Parker Patterson move on in a competition that could bring them significant scholarships from institutions of higher education.

Also recognized by the college board were seven students who received Commended Student status. They are: Erik Berthelsen, Joseph Brake, Elizabeth Coffield, Eduardo Jaramillo, Dana O'Donnell, Connor Rowley, and Keegan Ryan. All 10 semi-finalists and commended students rank among the top 1 % of students in the nation on standardized test scores, as reported by the College Board. Congratulations to these students!

## Video PSA Contest Results Announced

The Northfield Healthy Community Initiative (HCI), in partnership with the Mayor’s Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use, ARTech Charter School and Northfield Public Schools, has announced the results of their Video PSA Contest on the subject of cyberbullying and responsible technology use.

Go to [www.northfieldhci.org/weblog/post/4342](http://www.northfieldhci.org/weblog/post/4342) to watch the winning entries or [www.northfieldhci.org/votingpage](http://www.northfieldhci.org/votingpage) to see all of the entries.

## Northfield Youth Organizations

5th Bridge	Candy Taylor	507.663.1505	<a href="http://www.5thbridge.org">www.5thbridge.org</a>
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Jenna Herzog	507.414.0308	
Bowling	Terry Heilman	507.645.8322	
Boy Scouts	Sam Trebnick	651.254.9120	<a href="http://www.joincubs.com">www.joincubs.com</a>
Cannon Valley Youth Orchestra	Dora Barvir	507.645.4311	<a href="http://www.cvyomn.org">www.cvyomn.org</a>
Carleton ACT Center	Laura Riehle-Merrill	507.646.4028	<a href="http://www.carleton.edu/campus/act">www.carleton.edu/campus/act</a>
Check it Out Singers	Todd Thompson	507.645.5397	
Community Resource Bank Junior Board	Tara Berndt	507.645.3108	
Dance 'N Fitness	Colleen Day	507.663.7814	
Girl Scouts	Nicole Anderson	507.645.6603	<a href="http://www.girlscoutsrv.org">www.girlscoutsrv.org</a>
Healthy Community Initiative	Zach Pruitt	507.664.3524	<a href="http://www.northfieldhci.org">www.northfieldhci.org</a>
Jr. Curator Program	Nfld Historical Society	507.645.9268	
Just for Kix	Liz Rohach	507.271.3316	<a href="http://www.justforkix.com">www.justforkix.com</a>
Leo Club Advisor	Alice Nasby	507.645.7398	
Library Teen Advisory Board	Kathy Ness	507.645.1804	<a href="http://npl-info.blogspot.com">http://npl-info.blogspot.com</a>
Making Waves Swim School	Cindy Varley	507.645.4623	<a href="http://www.makingwavesswimschool.com">www.makingwavesswimschool.com</a>
Northfield Area Family YMCA	Virginia Kaczmarek	507.645.0088	<a href="http://www.northfieldymca.org">www.northfieldymca.org</a>
Northfield Arts Guild	Sheryl Joy	507.645.8877	<a href="http://www.northfieldartsguild.org">www.northfieldartsguild.org</a>
Northfield Basketball Association	Kevin Rodgers	507.664.9108	<a href="http://www.northfieldsports.com">www.northfieldsports.com</a>
Northfield Community Chinese School	Gao Hong	612.385.3893	
Northfield Dance Academy	Kristin Lauenstein	507.645.4068	<a href="http://www.northfielddance.com">www.northfielddance.com</a>
Northfield Fastpitch Softball Assoc.	Mark Pritchard	507.645.1365	<a href="http://www.northfieldfastpitch.leag1.com">www.northfieldfastpitch.leag1.com</a>
Northfield Gymnastics Club	Melissa Bernhard	507.663.7772	<a href="http://www.northfieldgymnastics.com">www.northfieldgymnastics.com</a>
Northfield Hockey Association	Marietta Ruppe	507.645.7310	<a href="http://www.northfieldhockey.net">www.northfieldhockey.net</a>
Northfield Lacrosse Association	Natalie Marfleet	507.645.4035	
Northfield Library	Kathy Ness	507.645.1804	<a href="http://www.northfieldmn.info">www.northfieldmn.info</a>
Northfield Mentoring Coalition	Zach Pruitt	507.664.3524	<a href="http://www.northfieldhci.org">www.northfieldhci.org</a>
Northfield Police Dept Explorers	Sgt. Mark Murphy	507.645.4475	
Northfield Skating School	Carey Tinkelenberg	508.887.2551	<a href="http://www.northfieldskating.com">www.northfieldskating.com</a>
Northfield Soccer Association	Paula Manor	507.645.8577	<a href="http://www.northfieldsoccer.org">www.northfieldsoccer.org</a>
Northfield Swim Club	Troy Nystuen	507.663.1926	<a href="http://www.northfieldswimclub.org">www.northfieldswimclub.org</a>
Northfield Tennis Association	Kit O'Brien	507.581.4428	<a href="http://www.northfield.usta.com">www.northfield.usta.com</a>
Northfield Union of Youth	Amy Merritt	507.663.0715	<a href="http://www.unionofyouth.org">www.unionofyouth.org</a>
Northfield Volleyball Club	Tim Wilgohs	507.645.5860	<a href="http://www.northfieldvolleyballclub.org">www.northfieldvolleyballclub.org</a>
Northfield Youth Baseball Assoc	Roger/Kim Thompson	507.301.9746	<a href="http://www.northfieldsports.com">www.northfieldsports.com</a>
Northfield Youth Choir	Liz Shepley	507.645.4194	<a href="http://www.northfieldyouthchoirs.org">www.northfieldyouthchoirs.org</a>
Northfield Youth Wrestling	Mark Woitalla	507.663.7176	<a href="http://www.northfieldsports.com">www.northfieldsports.com</a>
Project Friendship	Kathy Lansing	507.645.6762	
Rainbow Saddle Club	Nancy Becker	507.645.4336	<a href="http://www.rainbowsaddleclub.org">www.rainbowsaddleclub.org</a>
Reaching Our Goals - St. Olaf College	Education Dept.	507.786.3245	
Rice County Extension - 4 H	Kelly Chadwick	507.332.6163	
St. Olaf Volunteer Network	Kris Vatter	507.786.3999	<a href="http://www.oleville.com">www.oleville.com</a>

To update contact information, please call (507) 645-3406 or email [Heather.Kuchinka@nfld.k12.mn.us](mailto:Heather.Kuchinka@nfld.k12.mn.us) with changes.



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## Remember...



**There is no school on October 20 & 21 for Ed MN**

**Thanksgiving Break is November 23—27**

**Enjoy all that Fall has to offer!**

